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1. Vietnam

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In a speech to his National Assembly Saturday, Ho Chi Minh acknowledged that the situation was "tense." He went on to insist that Hanoi would, nevertheless, refuse to bow to "US force."

He reiterated that the only way the problem can be settled is for the US to pull out of South Vietnam and stop its attacks on North Vietnam.

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2. Cyprus

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[REDACTED] that 30-odd Greek Air Force personnel have returned to Cyprus. According to this report, they are scheduled to proceed from there to Egypt for training on Soviet SAMs.

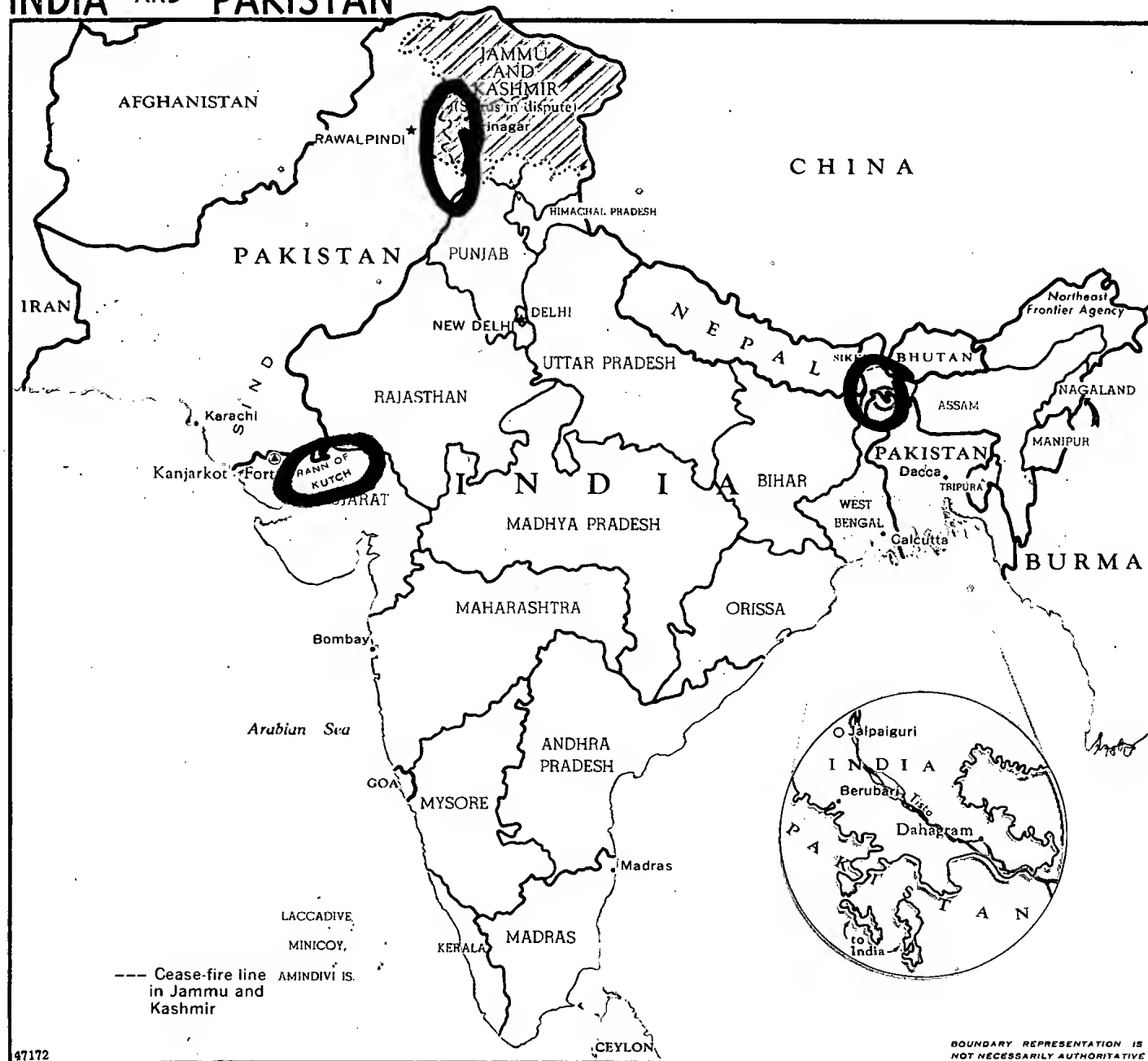
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Prime Minister Papandreou last week assured Ambassador Labouisse that Greek involvement with Soviet SAMs was "finished." The Greeks may, however, be reluctant to leave a vacuum to be filled by the Egyptians.

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN



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4. Ghana

5. India

Indian-Pakistani relations are plagued by clashes at a number of widely separated points along the border.

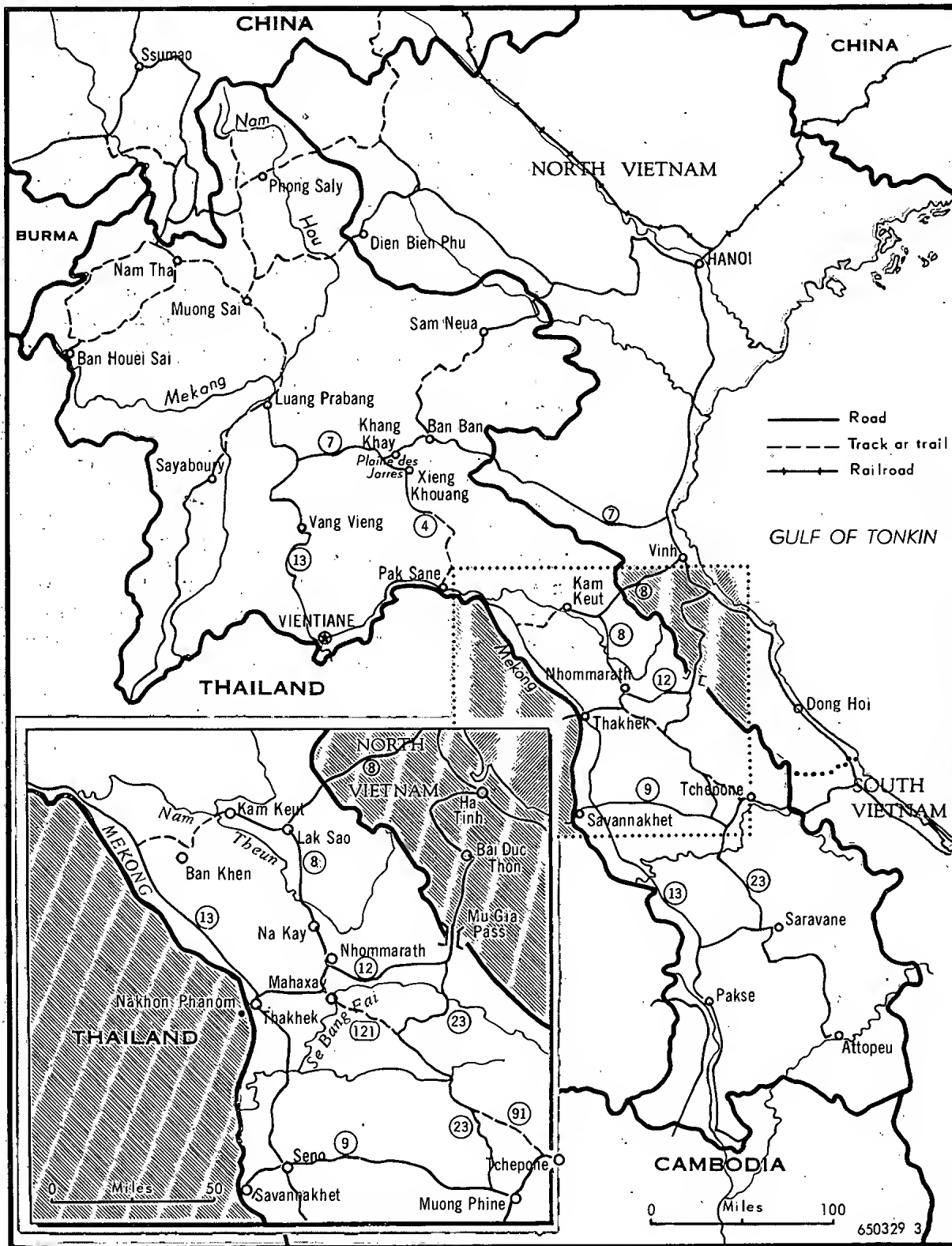
There have been sporadic exchanges of fire across the desolate Kutch marshes for the past five days. (See map.) A lull has set in today, but both sides have beefed up their forces by more than 3,000 men, and further firing is likely.

At the same time, incidents continue at a high rate along the cease-fire line in Kashmir. Tensions are also high around the borders of East Pakistan where there have been several incidents recently.

Each side has tried to embroil the US in this round of troubles by charging that the other has used US equipment in the fighting.

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6. Thailand

The Thai Government is rounding up the Phoumi-Siho followers who crossed the border from Laos after the abortive rebellion last February. This should improve Bangkok's relations with Souvanna Phouma, who has been urging such a move for some time.

7. Laos

Agreement has apparently been reached for new talks between the government factions and the Pathet Lao in Vientiane next week. If no hitches develop, these will be the first talks inside Laos since the rightist coup a year ago. They will almost surely be no more than exploratory in nature, since Souvanna is expected to be out of the country.

The military situation is quiet. Communist forces east of Savannakhet (See map.) are being restocked and, perhaps, reinforced, which could point to a Communist move in the area before the rainy season settles in.

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